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Bennarsten et al.

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TITLE: "A HIGH FREQUENCY OSCILLATOR VENTILATOR"

RESPONSE TO THE FINAL REJECTION DATED AUGUST 29, 2003

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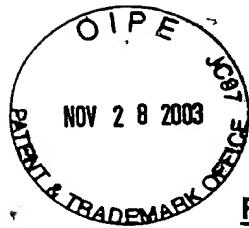
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Applicants and their counsel have carefully reviewed the final rejection dated August 29, 2003, but believe the claims in their present form are patentable over the teachings of the reference relied upon by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

**R E M A R K S**

In the Office Action dated August 29, 2003, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,453,951. This rejection was discussed in an interview courteously afforded the undersigned counsel for the Applicants on November 20, 2003, at which the Examiner's supervisor also was present. In view of the arguments discussed at the interview, the Examiner and his supervisor stated that it appeared that continued reliance on the '951 patent as a basis for anticipating claims 1-7 would not be justified, however, the Examiner stated he would reserve making a final judgment upon receipt of a written response.